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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJECT: ARMITAGE CONVERSATION WITH TRAMPCZYNSKI

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI, FRESH FROM VISIT TO
WARSAW, MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE
DECEMBER 7 (FULL MEMCON BY POUCH). FOLLOWING NOTEWORTHY:

A. CCC CREDITS: TRAMPCZYNSKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
OF GOP FOR LATEST 57 MILLION DOLLARS LINE OF CREDIT.
ARMITAGE ASKED HIM TO UNDERTAKE TO SEE SOME APPROPRIATE
FORM OF PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS MADE IN POLAND AND
NOTED THIS ACTION WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY BOTH EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AND CONGRESS. TRAMPCZYNSKI AGREED TO TRY TO
ACHIEVE SUCH PUBLICITY BEFORE GOING TO SEE CONGRESSMEN
ZABLOCKI AND ROSTENKOWSKI ABOUT CCC CREDITS, AS HE
PLANNED TO DO.

B. SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID THE
SOVIET "LOAN" OF A BILLION RUBLES COULD BE MORE
PRECISELY DESCRIBED AS A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF PAYMENT
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WHICH WAS EQUIVALENT TO A LOAN. PREVIOUSLY, POLISH

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR CELLULOSE AND ASBESTOS PLANTS
AND FOR GAS TRANSMISSION FACILITIES (TO A LESSER EXTENT)

TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SOVIET UNION WAS FURNISHED WITH
POLAND AS THE CREDITOR, TO BE REPAID IN KIND FROM
OUTPUT OF THE PLANTS. SOVIETS WOULD NOW PAY CASH
FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND EFFECT OF THIS WOULD BE
EQUIVALENT OF BILLION RUBLE "LOAN."

TRAMPCZYNSKI ALSO STATED FLATLY THAT THERE WAS NO SOVIET
ADVANCE OF HARD CURRENCY TO MEET POLAND'S NEEDS AND
ADDED THAT HE HAD READ THE DOCUMENTS CONCLUDED IN MOSCOW.

C. DIVIDED FAMILIES. TRAMPCZYNSKI INDICATED THAT HE
HAD RAISED QUESTION WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH
MAINTAINED THAT POLISH ACTION WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE
ON CASES INVOLVING EMIGRATION OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS.
ARMITAGE STRESSED THAT THIS RESULTED IN EMIGRATION
POLICY AND PRACTICE WHICH WAS IN FACT QUITE RESTRICTIVE
AND WOULD HARDLY REPRESENT IMPRESSIVE POLISH PERFORMANCE
RELATIVE TO THE HELSINKI ACT. NUMBERS OF EMIGRATION
VISAS WAS STILL QUITE LOW AND COMPARED UNFAVORABLY WITH
PAST YEARS. TRAMPCZYNSKI INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL IF HE HAD MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING
EXTENT AND NATURE OF PENDING CASES SO HE COULD BE MORE
SPECIFIC IN HIS REPRESENTATIONS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE US IN WHATEVER FORM IT
DEEMS MOST USEFUL RECAPITULATION OF CURRENT SITUATION,
INCLUDING STATUS OF LISTS WITH NAMES AND FAMILY
RELATIONSHIP IF FEASIBLE. TRAMPCZYNSKI WISHES TO BE
HELPFUL WE BELIEVE AND WE SHOULD ARM HIM WITH WHATEVER
SEEMS MOST USEFUL. ROBINSON

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